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Docket No. 2629-4017

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s) : James ANTHONY, et al.      Group Art Unit: To Be Assigned  
Serial No. : 09/954,839      Examiner: To Be Assigned  
Filed : June 15, 2000  
For : DETECTION OF NUCLEIC ACIDS BY TYPE-SPECIFIC HYBRID  
CAPTURE METHOD

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the Specification as follows:

On page 1, line 1 of the instant application, please amend the title of the invention  
to read as follows:

DETECTION OF NUCLEIC ACIDS BY TYPE-  
SPECIFIC HYBRID CAPTURE METHOD

**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration of the present application and claims. No new matter is added by the instant amendment. Early and favorable action by the Examiner is earnestly solicited.